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The Campus of Miami University as Seen from the Air

THE OMEGAN

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Important Legislation Marks Sixth Convocation of the Arch Chapter

The Beta Beta chapter house on the fraternally historic campus of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, was the scene of the sixth Convocation of the Arch Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega, December 28 and 29 of last year.

The first plenary session was convened at three p. m. by Arch Master James E. Stevens, with the delegates and alternates of thirteen active chapters, eight associate chapters, two city clubs, national officers and guests present.

M. T. Potter, B B '23, extended the welcome and greetings of the host chapter. C. A. Boyer, Δ B '29, pronounced the invocation. The assembled Convocation stood in silent prayer for one minute in memory of Hugh Nevin and other members who had during the past year been called to the higher life.

The past five years have seen the establishment of the policies of the fraternity. This procedure has required an immense amount of legislation. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws have been passed in great numbers. The result has been that that instrument has become exceedingly unwieldy. Upon recommendation of the Arch Council, the Arch Convocation voted to appoint a committee to codify the legislation which has been passed and have a rewritten constitution ready for ratification in December of this year.

Another bold move followed this one. The convocation voted to revamp the Arch Council to consist of the following officers with the indicated terms of office: Arch Master, three years; Arch Ritualist, two years; Executive Secretary, one year; Arch Editor, two years; three Councilors, one to be elected each year and each to serve three years.

One of the big decisions reached by the Arch Convocation was to employ a full-time Executive Secretary to handle most of the busi-

Delegates and Officers at Sixth Arch Convocation

ness of the national fraternity. It authorized the Arch Council to select a man for that position for a term of one year and arrange an acceptable salary.

An amendment to the constitution was made in order that action on petitions for affiliation by local fraternities can be acted upon by letter ballot between convocations of the Arch Chapter.

An amendment was adopted making all Past Arch Masters permanent members of the Arch Chapter with privilege of vote.

The following new officers were elected: Arch Master, S. W. McGinness; Arch Ritualist, L. W. Howell; Arch Councilor and Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit for three years, A. W. Johnson; Arch Councilor for two years, A. J. Knight; Arch Councilor for one year, R. F. Dirkes.

The social side of the Convocation was ably handled by Beta Beta chapter. The Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity graciously lent its chapter house to accommodate the delegates.

Post-Convocation Meeting of New Arch Council

The first meeting of the new Arch Council convened at the University Club in Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 30, 1928. Among its actions was the election of J. N. Danehower, E A '22, incumbent Arch Recorder, to the position of Executive Secretary.

The invitation of Delta Alpha Chapter to hold the 1929 Convocation in Champaign, Illinois, was accepted.

The following standing committees were appointed: Law: James E Stevens (with power to appoint associates) Finance: A. W. Johnson, J. N. Danehower, Carey W. O'Nan. Expansion: A. W. Johnson, J. N. Danehower, Elmer L. Kayser. Tradition: K. W. Mosher, C. S. Brown, Jr., Clair Mateer. Codification of the Ritual: A. J. Knight, Merle C. Cowden, L. W. Howell.

Samuel W. McGinness
Arch Master of Theta Upsilon Omega

Samuel W. McGinness Elected Arch Master

Like a great many members of Lambda Alpha chapter, the new Arch Master is descended from the early Scotch-Irish settlers in western Pennsylvania. His grandfather, for whom he was named, was born in a log cabin not far from Pittsburgh on May 4, 1809. Samuel W. McGinness was born August 28, 1881, in the City of Allegheny (now a part of Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania.

He was educated in the Pittsburgh public schools and Park Institute, and entered Westminster College in 1897. Here he became affiliated with Pi Rho Phi, which later became Lambda Alpha of Theta Upsilon Omega. He took an active part in all fraternity affairs, and graduated with the famous class of 1901. Classmates of his were J. M. Cameron, E. A. Campbell, M. M. Edmundson, W. Bruce McCrory and M. M. McKim.

After graduation, Brother McGinness attended Duff's College, a commercial school, from which he graduated in 1902. From 1902 to 1906, he was employed by the Westinghouse interests in Pittsburgh.

In the fall of 1906, McGinness entered the Law Department of the University of Pittsburgh and graduated in 1909. On October 9, 1909, he was admitted to the practice of law in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and since then he has been continuously in active practice before the Pittsburgh Bar.

Brother McGinness is unmarried and lives with his mother and sister in Pittsburgh. He is a member of the University Club of Pittsburgh, Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, McCandless Lodge No. 390, F. and A. M., Pennsylvania Consistory and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

He has been Chapter Advisor to the Lambda Alpha Chapter, a member of the Permanent Expansion Committee, and is now Secretary of the Pittsburgh Club of T. U. O. Always active in fraternity work, he is a familiar figure at Arch Convocations, where his sound words of wisdom and his Pittsburgh stogies are annually appreciated.

J. N. Danehower
Executive Secretary

New Post of Executive Secretary Filled by John N. Danehower

The newly created post of Executive Secretary of T. U. O. was filled by the election of J. N. Danehower of Philadelphia, who has handled national business affairs for three years as Arch Recorder.

Brother Danehower was initiated into the Kappa Sigma Phi Fraternity at Temple University in 1920. When Kappa Sigma Phi became Epsilon Alpha chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega in May, 1924, he was one of the charter members, and since that day has worked ceaselessly for the good of T. U. O.

The new Executive Secretary has been fated to deal with money matters of the fraternity all his life, it seems. He held down the position of treasurer in the local Kappa Sigma Phi, and after graduation was for one term Recorder of the Associate Chapter. He now is a Director of the Associate Chapter and advisor to the Active Chapter of Epsilon Alpha. At the Arch Convocation held at Worcester in December, 1925, Brother Danehower was elected Arch Recorder. For three years he has been watchdog of the treasury, as well as keeper of all records. His policy has been one of conservative stability. His activities have included many visits to chapters for purposes of general inspection and installation and supervision of the chapter bookkeeping systems. In this role of "trouble shooter" he has met at one time or another most of the active members of T. U. O., and a large number of the alumni.

Brother Danehower is a member of the Blue Key Honorary Fraternity, and is on the Board of Managers of the Alumni Association of Temple University. Before taking up his duties as Executive Secretary of T. U. O., he was employed as an accountant by Coleman and company, coal operators of Philadelphia and New York.

In December, 1927, his duties were increased when he was given the job of Business Manager of the OMEGAN. In that capacity he has had charge of circulation and is responsible for the great success of the life subscription plan.

Brother Danehower is married and has a son about a year and a half old. The Danehowers live at 1509 Green Street, Philadelphia.

Arch Ritualist Leonard W. Howell

Leonard W. Howell is a native of Worcester, Massachusetts. He entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall of 1906, and on November 22 of that year he joined Delta Tau, the local fraternity which is now Beta Alpha Chapter. Brother Howell's graduation in 1910 did not lessen his interest in his fraternity. He has been a consistent and constructive worker for the best things in his chapter. For twelve years he has served as Master of the Associate Chapter of Beta Alpha, and for two years prior to that was Guardian of the Funds of the same body.

Leonard W. Howell

Like our Past Arch Ritualist, Arthur J. Weston, Brother Howell has had an active part in Masonry, serving his Lodge as Master, and is now a member of the Chapter and Council.

As Vice-President and Sales Manager of the Economic Machinery Company, of Worcester, he garners the wherewithal to provide for a wife and two daughters.

Brother Howell has for a number of years taken a great interest in the workings of the national government of the fraternity. He contributed much toward making the Convocation of the Arch Chapter of 1925 in Worcester the success it was. He participated in Arch Chapter deliberations at New Wilmington in 1927 and at Durham in 1928.

Arch Councilor Robert F. Dirkes

Robert F. Dirkes was born in New York City in 1898, and educated in the public elementary and high schools of New York. He graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with the class of 1920, receiving the degree of M. E. At Stevens he became a member of Phi Kappa Pi local fraternity, now Gamma Alpha Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega, of which he is a charter member. His fraternal interests continued after graduation. The Associate Chapter of Gamma Alpha is unusually active, due perhaps to the fact that most of its members live and work in the Metropolitan District of New York and New Jersey. The Associate Chapter is governed by a Chapter Council, of which Dirkes is president for the term of 1928-29.

Robert F. Dirkes

The new Arch Councilor is married and living in Jamaica, L. I. His wife, Eva Hutchinson Dirkes, has gained recognition for her editorial services with a prominent firm of legal publishers.

His present connection is with the Western Union Telegraph Company, for whom he is handling the development of the new Hi Speed Tickers to be installed shortly in conjunction with the New York Stock Exchange. Recently he has been in charge of the instruction of division executives from all over the country in the design, installation and operation of this new ticker system. His work frequently involves travelling, which will enable him to keep in touch with fraternity developments in various parts of the country.

Dr. Harry H. Reichard Member of Delta Beta

EDWARD J. BOYLE, Δ B '29

Delta Beta has recently acquired a member of considerable note in the pledging of Dr. Harry H. Reichard, Professor of German and Greek at our own "Universitätlein". Muhlenberg College, situated in the heart of the Pennsylvania-German section of Pennsylvania has always evinced a great interest in the German language and customs. To Doctor Reichard goes much of the credit for this interest and for the popularity of the German Department. His charm of manner in presenting his material, combined with a winning personality, has made the Doctor one of the most beloved of Muhlenberg's professors.

Dr. Harry H. Reichard

Dr. Reichard received his A. B. and A. M. from Lafayette College, completing his scholastic work as a fellow at John Hopkins University, where he was awarded his Ph. D. Since then he has had an extensive and varied career in pedagogy, having taught at Knox College, Penn State and Heidelberg prior to his coming to Muhlenberg. He has traveled extensively in Europe, being interested in Greece and Italy, the classical countries, nearly as much as in Germany. His interest and learning in Pennsylvania-German is shown by the fact that he published a few years ago a book on writings in this dialect.

Dr. Reichard was pledged before the Christmas holidays. He received the first degree with a class of nine February 12. The second and third degrees were given to him on February 26 at a formal initiation ceremony.

Aside from his learning alone, Delta Beta feels justly proud of Dr. Reichard. We have taken into our midst a man as well as a scholar.

Hotel Astor Scene of Gamma Alpha Annual Get-Together

The annual banquet of the Gamma Alpha associate and active chapters was held in the College Room of the Hotel Astor, New York City, on Wednesday, February thirteenth. This room is decorated with the seals of some thirty colleges and universities, forming a frieze.

The annual banquet is also the occasion of a business meeting of the associate chapter. Four new members were elected to the Chapter Council, the governing body of that organization. They are: Thomas L. Hall, '26; Edwin P. Walsh, '27; Kenneth F. Hourigan, '26; and Frederick Wierk, '23.

George L. Mitchell, '11, presided as toastmaster. A message from the active chapter was delivered by Chapter Master Henry W. Spitzhoff, '29. Arch Councilor R. F. Dirkes presented a report of the activities of the chapter Council for the past year.

Arch Master S. W. McGinness in a twenty-minute address expounded the meaning and significance of the Greek motto of Theta Upsilon Omega.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Harvey Nathaniel Davis, president of Stevens Institute of Technology and a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. He touched on the subject of the stimulation of chapter interest, presenting several helpful suggestions. One was that fraternity chapters turn toward some of those literary efforts from which the first fraternities sprang. He suggested at that an hour each week be devoted to debate on college and fraternity matters. This would stimulate thought and discussion.

Dr. Davis explained a system of rating students which it is proposed to put into effect at Stevens. By this system of rating, the college authorities will attempt to evaluate those qualities in a student which will spell success after graduation.

The much-discussed report of last May of Mr. Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, showed a comparison between salaries received at the present time and grades received in college of a group of some 2100 college men in the Bell Telephone System. Those who had stood among the first third in scholarship were found to be receiving salaries in the highest third of the group, and the men who were lowest in grades while in college were receiving the lowest salaries of the group.

That salary is a real measure of success is open to question, and many have taken issue with Mr. Gifford. Dr. Davis is one of those who believes that other qualities than those involved only in the attainment of scholastic honors will have an important bearing on the success of a man in later life. Not only does the first string athlete possess characteristics of leadership which should attain recognition in a real rating of his worth in school, but the man who, lacking inherited physical prowess, has the stamina to work on the second string team throughout the season, has traits of character that will in a large measure contribute to his success in life. These are the views of Dr. Davis.

While the selection of a man for membership in a fraternity should be taken as an indication of desirable qualities in a man's nature, Dr. Davis felt that it would be unfair to give any weight in his new system of rating to fraternity membership out of fairness to the men who, because of financial or family reasons, are not fraternity members. However, the filling of important offices in the fraternity chapter is a matter unaffected by campus politics and is a selection made by men who have lived together and know each other's worth about as thoroughly as is possible, so that the election to these offices closely approaches selection on the basis of true leadership. This is a factor which will be taken into consideration in the establishment of the system of rating. All extra-curricular activities will be weighed and proportionate credit given, according to Dr. Davis.

Upon this thought-provoking note the banquet broke up, and informal conversation and reminiscence occupied another hour. C. P. Benneche, '21, deserves much credit for the manner in which he planned and supervised the affair.

East vs. West in All Star Football

Frederick B. Mitchell, Z A, '29

About 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, December 8, I was in Zoölogy lecture laboriously taking notes when Carl Snavely called me out of class. He broke the news to me—Andy Kerr had asked if I would join his Eastern squad. The answer was obvious—I consented to go.

Good news is hard to keep bottled up and that day I was bursting over with it. I believe my folks were as happy as I because my brother sent me a Christmas present right away and it almost knocked me over. When older brothers send you a fairly large check you know that they must think a bit of you anyway, especially so if they happen to be married. At any rate I managed to get to Chicago by the fifteenth of December where I was to report at the Palmer House Hotel with twenty-one other men from the East and Middle West representing fourteen other colleges.

On Saturday afternoon, December 15th, we were equipped and held our first practice at Northwestern University where our other coach, Dick Hanly, had just finished a successful season. For a first practice, we did fairly well and things looked a bit cheerful for the East.

The practice was not lengthy as we had to catch the San Francisco Overland Limited. On our way out, we held two practices of fifteen minutes each. That was all there was time for because we arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday morning of the eighteenth.

Outside the city, at Valencia, a small delegation of the Islam Temple of the Shrine, met us and gave us white sweaters with the eastern ensignia on them. These sweaters proved to be an asset for they admitted us to many places of interest without questioning.

Our three-day stay in San Francisco was literally strewn with entertainment. The end of each day saw us tired and weary and only too glad to go to bed. The potentates of the Shrine surely know how to entertain. I don't believe they missed showing us a thing.

But, on the twenty-first Coaches Kerr and Hanly took us to Palo Alto where we were to do intensive work at the Stanford field. The men went to work with the determination that they were going to win. It was not long before these twenty-two men began to look like a team and when they ran on the field of Kegar stadium on the twenty-ninth they were a team in every sense of the word. The

score 20—0, in favor of the East, showed the superiority of the East over the West. The superb generalship of Harpster, the bullet-like passes of Holmer, the smashing plunging of fullback Howell of Nebraska, with Weston and Bennett elusive as jack rabbits all proved too much for Bill Hoffman and his teammates of the West.

I have just mentioned the backs but in the line, towering above the rest, stood the giant Nowack of Illinois and Getto of Pitt, who made the Western offensive look bad. Haycraft and Johnson at ends continually worried the West with their uncanny ability to get into every play. Then in the middle of the line worked three men, Aschman, Fox, and Gibson, who made inside tackle plays look like a mere theory and nothing else.

It would not be advisable to skip over such men as Roshowski of Ohio State, Guest and Thompson of Lafayette, Tetzetter and Sweet of Carnegie Tech, McMullen of Nebraska, Wagner of Wisconsin and Delp of Penn State. These men did a great share of the work and much praise should come their way for they surely deserved it.

After the game the East and West teams, were the guests of the Shriners at a dance held in the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco and there the players forgot that East was East and West was West and joined together in the common bond of friendship.

Sunday night, December 20, both teams went to Los Angeles and spent the whole of Monday seeing that great city as well as viewing beautiful scenes in Hollywood, Berkeley and other towns around. The M. G. M. studio at Culver City was taken by storm and here it was that we were given a rare treat—Joan Crawford in person. The result was that thirty out of forty hearts are now hovering about that divine person.

The next day, the first day of the new year, saw us at Pasadena watching the Rose Parade, a truly wonderful and beautiful sight to see. That afternoon, I was among the 65,000 who saw the Golden Tornado lower the colors of the Bear. To all T. U. O.'s, I will say that Harry Gill of Gamma Beta played a splendid game in the line for California. It did my heart good to see him stop Tecomphis and Mizell of Georgia Tech time and again.

The thing that will never be forgotten about that game will be Riegels' run of sixty yards to within a yard or two of the wrong goal line. Outside of that one play, Riegels played a wonderful game in the second half and showed the spectators that he could play good football. He staged a wonderful comeback and he has my good

wishes for the coming season which will be his last in college football.

I might have been in California yet if I had not had mid-year exams staring me in the face on my return to Bucknell. So, on January 2nd, we started home and on the way we stopped off at the Grand Canyon of the Colorado for four hours. This was enough time for us to see one of the seven wonders of the world.

From the Grand Canyon, we traveled to Houston, Texas, where we were entertained for a day by the Shrine there. It was in Houston that I had the best meal of my life. We ate dinner at the San Jacinta Inn where we ate just as long and as much as we could. It was a meal that I'll never forget.

New Orleans proved to be our next stop and after going to all the shows possible and seeing the towns, we started on the final lap. The individual members of the party, at this point, went their various ways and six of us started up the East coast together and I arrived in Lewisburg tired and happy with a wealth of experiences to my credit and the proud possessor of many new friendships with men who are men.

F. B. Mitchell, Z A, '29

Thus came the close of a wonderful trip made for a wonderful cause. For me it was the climax of my career as an athlete.

Editor's Note:

Brother Mitchell is too modest to speak of the part he played in the East-West all-star game. For the benefit of those who did not hear the game over the radio, we quote from *The Bucknellian*:

"Mitchell did not start the game, that honor going to Carl Aschman of Washington and Jefferson. However, the Bucknell pivot man was sent into the game in the third period and performed creditably. Mitchell replaced Aschman when the second half started.

"He was not in the game more than a minute when he aided in throwing the highly-touted Biff Hoffman for a three-yard loss.

"Mitch" contributed several other fine plays before he withdrew from the torrid tilt.

"He might have played the entire second half had he not sustained a painful nose injury toward the close of the third period. Mitchell was tendered a rousing ovation as he left the field that day and reports from San Francisco say that his face was full of smiles."

Kappa Alpha Chapter in New Quarters

The boys of Kappa Alpha at Davidson, N. C., are taking more philosophically that the rest of the fraternity world the edict of the college board of trustees of Davidson College barring fraternity residence houses. Under the latest stroke of paternal guidance on the part of these trustees, fraternities may have houses for meeting purposes only. The members must room and board in the college dormitories.

Eleven fraternity club houses have been built by the college on the campus for as many fraternities. These surround a quadrangle on three sides, forming what is known as Fraternity Court. Three

Kappa Alpha's New Club House

houses at the end of the court face the bounding Stadium Road. The other eight, four on a side, face inward toward the court. The T. U. O. house is on the western side of the court, the first house at the open end. It is close to Concord Avenue, a residential street of Davidson. Directly across the court is the Davidson Chapter of Kappa Alpha Southern and Beta Theta Pi is a next door neighbor on the left.

The house is of red brick with the woodwork trim in white. The windows are equipped with green shutters. The house is built in the shape of a "T" with a small porch at the entrance, supported by four large white columns. The horizontal portion of the structure is devoted to the living room and in the long wing, one finds the chapter room, kitchenette, and rest-room.

We enter the house from the east and find ourselves in a large reception room with a huge fireplace opposite us. The fireplace is flanked with several bookshelves with cabinets below. The entire floorwork of the building is of oak and the doors are constructed of walnut. The walls are of rough plaster, with a cream finish, while the woodwork is white. The lights of this room are orange, forming an attractive background. The draperies are of orange and blue.

Opening into this room with large double doors is the chapter room. The first thing that is noticed is the altar at the northern end of the room. Above the master's chair are lighted representations of the Cross Fitchee and the T. U. O. badge. A large cedar chest in which are stored the robes and other paraphernalia is to be found under the Master's chair. On the walls of this room hang the pennants of the other T. U. O. chapters.

On the right, we find a small rest room which has been fitted for the accommodation of our visitors. On the left is the kitchenette. In this anteroom we find two cabinets and a sink. A back entrance opens into this part of the house.

Kappa Alpha chapter promises a cordial welcome and true Southern hospitality to any T. U. O.'s who may stray into North Carolina.

Henry Harper Captain-Elect of Davidson Football Team

An outstanding event at Kappa Alpha chapter this year was the election of Henry Harper to captain the 1929 Fighting Wildcats, as the Davidson football team is styled. No man on the entire football team deserved this honor more than Henry.

Harper was that hard-hitting stone wall guard of the Davidson Wildcats, who has worked for four years for the position he attained on the varsity this year. Never letting up for a minute, he was down the field first on punts, tackling the receiver in his tracks, breaking through the forward wall of the opposing team to smear a play before it had started, being right at the bottom of every pile—these seemed to be his forte.

Henry Harper

Not only was Harper good in football but also in his scholastic work, having an average well over ninety.

He is teaching school this semester near Raeford, N. C., but will return in the fall to take up again his work on the gridiron.

One of Henry's greatest ambitions has been to lead a football team against the Army. This ambition he is sure to attain next fall when he leads the Davidson team against the service eleven.

An article in a recent issue of *The Davidsonian* shows that Kappa Alpha chapter has not been lacking in scholastic ability. The average for the year 1927-28 was 83.70, which gave it fifth place among the other national fraternities on the campus. The highest fraternity average for that year was 84.18, made by the local chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Over a period of five years the Kappa Alpha chapter average has been 85.26, giving it second place. The highest place is held by the Davidson chapter of Kappa Alpha Southern, its average being 86.88.

Lambda Alpha's Domination in Basketball

WILBUR H. BALDINGER, A A, '29

With its schedule almost completed, Westminster's basketball team seems assured of a second Tri-State Conference championship. The Titans are captained by Charles Ayers, inspirited by Glenn O'Donovan, entertained by Marshall Fisher, managed by Luther Braham, and cheered by Kenneth Dyer, Kenneth Hemer, and Graham Fithian, all members of Lambda Alpha Chapter.

Charles Ayers

If Ayers is not yet familiar to OMEGAN readers this Herald is going to take up chiropractic or a similar calling in which the results of one's life work are immediate and certain. For three years he has trotted along behind Ayers, a trumpet in his mouth and an arm extended tirelessly before him, pointing with pride to that stalwart man.

In January, 1927, when Glenn O'Donovan alighted from the New Wilmington bus and asked his way to the T. U. O. house, he was heralded as the brother of Roy O'Donovan, locally celebrated Duquesne University basketball star. That stigma has never left him. Let him achieve magnificent things on the floor, and the papers will talk of the O'Donovan tradition and announce that Roy is playing with such and such a team now. Let him be introduced to a visiting alumnus: "This is Glenn O'Donovan, Roy's brother, you know." It has been like being married to Peggy Joyce or Ruth Elder.

And yet, in his own right, Brother O'Donovan is one of the most fascinating figures in this staid province. He was playing high school basketball when his present class mates were worrying over the morrow's assignment in long division. He has been a bank cashier and a ward politician. Within half an hour after his first entrance into the house he had called the master by his Christian name and had suggested that the living room rug was in need of dry cleaning. He has an uncanny faculty of absorbing statistics, and can tell you the name of the traffic cop at the corner of Sixth

and Penn in Pittsburgh. He will pause now and then in a basketball game to ask the referee about his second son's progress in school or to remind the opposing guard that his activity after the Geneva game in 1927 was not quite orthodox.

Marshall Fisher, chanter of barroom ballads, is a substitute guard. He is tall, sturdy, always dependable. Luther Braham, corpulent singer, is student manager. He has played inter-class football and wears a Bells and Buskin key. Kenneth Dyer, head cheer leader, wears Bells and Buskin and Tau Kappa Alpha keys and is a member of the business staff of the *Holcad*. Kenneth Hemer, assistant cheer leader, is a letter man in track and is a member of the *Holcad* business staff. Graham Fithian, assistant cheer leader, was at the bedside of the *Westministrel* when that brain child died, and has added appendages to Lambda Alpha's co-educational tradition.

Glenn O'Donovan

With Samuel W. McGinness, '01, as sponsor and John Nevin, '24, as toastmaster, Lambda Alpha inaugurated its Diamond Jubilee with a banquet at the University Club in Pittsburgh, December 15.

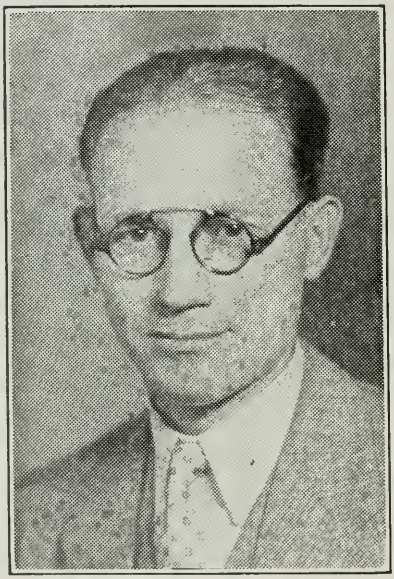
In conjunction with its Diamond Jubilee program, Lambda Alpha will dedicate a memorial window in the chapel of the new administration building to the founders of Pi Rho Phi, and will initiate Dr. W. A. Clark, '58, into Theta Upsilon Omega.

The May issue of The Omegan will be dedicated to Lambda Alpha Chapter and will carry a full account of all the events of the Diamond Jubilee.

Lund of Bucknell Speaks Before American Association for the Advancement of Science

HENRY M. GRAHAM, Z A, '31

Those who are not acquainted with Frederick H. Lund, Ph. D, of Zeta Alpha Chapter, hardly realize what great things he is doing for the advancement of science. Brother Lund is only a young man but already has achieved nation-wide distinction as a psychologist. Beside writing books and papers, he is continually busy addressing various groups of scientists and conducting experiments.



Dr. F. H. Lund

Before a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on December 28, in New York City, Dr. Lund presented the subject "Why do we weep?" The seemingly incongruous fact that we may weep not only on leaving our friends, but also on their return after prolonged absence, is due to the dramatic element in both situations, says Dr. Lund.

In this talk on lachrymation, Dr. Lund cited examples from psycopathic patients at the Danville State Hospital, where he has made extensive studies.

Dr. Lund stated: "Tears when affectively produced are indicative of a mixed emotional state. Neither sorrow, dejection, joy, or elation, when occurring in pure form, are very effective, if at all, in producing the lachrymal discharge."

In support of his conclusion, Dr. Lund presented, among others, the following facts: "In infants and adults, sympathy, when offered under depression as a mitigating or consoling stimulus, is highly conducive to tears and has as its natural correlate the equal effectiveness of self-pity Weeping under joy and under dramatic or aesthetic stimulation is an expression of conflicting emotional states with a dominant pleasure element."

Arthur H. Meinhold Captain of Two Sports at Stevens

R. C. Medl, Γ A '29

There have been many occasions in the past to chronicle in these pages the phenomenal achievements in athletics of Arthur H. Meinhold, Γ A '29. His academic work is now drawing to a close and we take this opportunity of summing up his college career.

Art Meinhold began his athletic career in his freshman year by getting berths on both varsity basketball and varsity baseball teams. In this first year he was also freshman athletic manager. When he graduates in June he will have garnered eight varsity "S"'s and will have had the honor of having been captain of both the basketball and the baseball teams. It is the first time in Stevens' 55 years of existence that one man has captained two major sport teams.

Arthur H. Meinhold

Art Meinhold has a good scholastic record, and it is no mean achievement to keep one's head above scholastic waters in a technical school where half the sophomore class is often ineligible.

Art is not tall—he is about five feet eight—but he is stockily built. He runs and dribbles a basketball low against the ground with a speed that always surprises his opponents. He has a blush, a schoolgirl complexion, and a trace of hesitation that the women love—nor do they mind his blond hair.

He is a member of Gear and Triangle, activities honorary, and of Khoda, senior honorary. He plays interclass lacrosse. He has been on the Athletic Council for four years and is now also on the Student Council as senior class vice-president. He has been at times prom committeeman.

The Dean of Activities at Stevens, Professor J. C. Wegle, speak-

ing at the Junior Banquet, paid the following unusual tribute to Brother Meinhold:

"Among your classmates there is one who, in my opinion, is a representative of the finest type of sportsman in Stevens; in fact, in any college in the country. He is one who plays the game hard and square at all times, one who has done a great deal for athletics at Stevens. I would like to ask Art Meinhold to rise."

In commenting upon the Dean's statement, The Link, Steven's yearbook, said:

"...if any man deserved it, Art did. He has given unstintingly of his time to the furthering of Stevens athletics, and has won his 'S' in both basketball and baseball every year he has been with us."

In the years to come, when athletics are discussed at Stevens, and some of its best athletes are mentioned, his name is certain to be brought up. For its part, Gamma Alpha nominates Arthur H. Meinhold for the T. U. O. Hall of Fame.

Personalities Among Younger Alumni

Joe Walstrom and Elbert Huber of Eta Alpha

SHERMAN E. JOHNSON, H A, '29

Any mention of Elbert Lowell Huber, H A, '28, would be entirely incomplete without an equal reference to the activities of Joe Davis Walstrom. This is so because they were pledged and initiated together, and until they graduated from George Washington University in 1928 roomed together in the T. U. O. house. Their activities followed the same lines, and paralleled each other to a great extent.

Yet they are entirely different personalities. One is caustic and keen; the other jovial, bantering. Both will succeed, whether that success be financial or not. They will succeed in life because of an infinite gusto for life, a knowledge of how to live, which will bring in the end things which mere money cannot buy. They will probably succeed in the fields which they have chosen, and become well known in them. One would hardly, in a contest, for example, vote them "Most Likely to Succeed" in the senior class. That is reserved for men—deserving, no doubt—but handshakers, the ordinary type of men who will be successful. These men are not ordinary.

This may be illustrated by the nature and variety of their interests. They started their collegiate career as dramatic critics for *The University Hatchet*, and they are inveterate playgoers. Both are widely read and have a knowledge of contemporary literature. They are well-rounded culturally, and have not neglected social activities or become "grinds" in obtaining the very good marks which they got in college.

Walstrom is blue-eyed, blond, and comes from Mexico, Missouri. In George Washington he majored in Commerce, and shortly after graduation was sent to Guatemala City as secretary to the commercial attaché. It should be noted that he worked his entire way through college, serving in the Veterans' Bureau and in the Department of Commerce. Gifted with an unusual sense of humor of the Donald Ogden Stewart variety, he found his proper avocation in *The Ghost*, the humorous monthly magazine of the University. As editor he brought it to a high stage of development, giving freely of his time, and even selling some advertising for the periodical. At the same time he was recorder for the chapter. Honors came to him, of course. He was elected to the Press Club, to Pi Delta

Epsilon, the Enosinian Society, Gate and Key, and to Pyramid, the senior honor society, which, parenthetically, takes only men with high grades.

Huber, who comes from Beatrice, Nebraska, had taught school for a time, when he came to Washington, found work with the government, and majored in the very different subject of history. He is now working for his A. M. and will probably teach history. An important editorship also came to him, that of *The Cherry Tree,* the university annual, which he will publish this spring. Honors came to him as well: an associate editorship of *The Ghost,* the Press Club, Pi Delta Epsilon, Enosinian, and Pyramid. Together with Walstrom, he found time to join the 306th Cavalry, a reserve outfit composed mainly of college men, and still rides with his troop on Sundays in winter. As a teacher of history he should be brilliant some day, one of those men out of the ordinary who have a different slant and attract men to them because of their originality.

But all these speculations are in the future, and prophecies handicap men. It is enough to have known these fraternity brothers and the peculiar little traits which made of them individuals, personalities: Walstrom coming down, perfectly groomed, at exactly the same minute after eight every morning because he had slept until the latest possible minute; and Huber yelling down the stairs to a brother berating him for appropriating his razor. Everyone would laugh and pay no attention, for it was just part of the byplay that went on day after day, and once the offending brother was out of sight, Elbert laughed, too, because he liked him, perhaps better than anyone else.

James Halden Williams

WILBER H. BALDINGER, A A, '29

Williams is arrogant, flippant, swash-buckling, grandiloquent. The sort of man who keeps several paces ahead of you and leads you, through ploughed fields and thickets when you invite him to take a stroll with you. The sort of man school teachers and Y. M. C. A. secretaries point to and say, "That boy will be a leader some day." An incipient district governor of Rotary and maker of Armistice Day speeches.

He spent a summer as a pack rat in Yellowstone, and brought back quite a few bad habits, one of which was story-telling. From that time until his graduation, he was the despair of all good bull

sessions. Get nicely started on the professor of biology or some other traditional topic, and Williams would lead things into Yellowstone: "Now, this Michigan lad and I "

He plays bridge with a grim intensity that would give Mr. Work pleasure. "Do you ever use the peremptory double on a two-bid, and do you observe the Eleven Rule?" he will query earnestly, and when you reply "Who cares?" he will same you by explaining, very patiently, how the third trick in spades would have been yours had you known of these things . . . He has been seen, on three occasions, in spats, and I once observed him considering seriously the choice of a tie.

James Halden Williams

At Westminster, he did the usual things expected of personable young men. He edited the year book. He played inter-class football. He cut college functions, and became engaged. He made speeches in student forums. He addressed the younger members of the faculty by their Christian names, and patronized the Ph.D's. He debated. He wrote editorials for the *Holcad*. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet. He became sentimental during rushing periods, and he dabbled in campus politics. He was master of his fraternity. He collected keys, and his picture, labelled "Campus Leader", appeared in Sunday supplements.

He was a Westminister Man, and in the natural course of events, he should follow scores of other Westminister Men into the blessed oblivion of domestic quiescence in the home town.

To Williams, however, Cabell is god, and Mencken is his prophet. It is this paradox that makes him the engrossing study he is. A member of the *prominenti*, he is a renegade from his class. He sniggers at the foibles of the campus gods and their henchmen, and he laughs boisterously at himself.

Williams may become domesticated. He may come to regard the Sunday afternoon drive as the chief end to life, and he may hang an Elk's tooth to his watch chain, but if he preserves his heroic attitude toward himself, he will never become ordinary.

Epsilonians Observe Founder's Day

Founder's Day exercises at Temple University were commemorative of Dr. Russell H. Conwell, during his life an honorary member of Epsilon Alpha Chapter of T. U. O. The program for February 15 was a triple event: Founder's Day, Temple's fiirst midyear commencement, and the dedication of a new twelve story building.

Presiding at all of these events was Charles E. Beury, President of Temple University and honorary member of Epsilon Alpha. He opened the observances in honor of Dr. Conwell in the Baptist Temple at 10:30 A. M. Edward L. Katzenbach, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, delivered a eulogy on Dr. Conwell entitled, "Leaves from a Life." President Beury then proceeded to present degrees to 120 graduates in the first midyear commencement. A feature of the morning exercises was the conferring of four honorary degrees. John S. Fisher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Brigadier-General W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad; and Leon M. Conwell, Mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts, and son of the late Dr. Russell H. Conwell, were recipients of the degrees of Doctor of Laws. Mrs. Frances Elliott Clark, Educational Director of the Victor Talking Machine Company and an authority on school music received the degree of Doctor of Music.

During the first of the afternoon events, the new twelve story building adjoining Conwell Hall was dedicated. This marked the first great step forward in the expansion program of the Russell H. Conwell Memorial Foundation.

Ushers for the day's events were named by the President of the Student Council and by Charles Long, E A, '29, President of the Blue Key Honorary Society. Nine of the fifteen ushers were members of Epsilon Alpha.

The Temple University Glee Club, of which Clair Mateer, E A, '29, is president, contributed suitable songs for the occasion. Epsilonians constitute approximately one-half the membership of the club.

Stevens Institute to Pay Its Students

Top Men Can Work Their Way Through by Their Studies

Elsewhere in this issue of the OMEGAN, in reporting a banquet held by the Gamma Alpha Associate Chapter, mention was made of an allusion made by Dr. Harvey N. Davis, president of Stevens Institute of Technology, to a radical change soon to be effected in Stevens' administration. On March first, at a dinner of Stevens alumni, Dr. Davis announced the new plan, which the *New York Herald Tribune* has explained as follows:

"Stevens Institute of Technology will make an experiment in education this fall by beginning a policy which amounts, in effect, to paying students to go to college, according to Dr. Harvey Nathaniel Davis, president of the institution.

"In an address last night at a dinner of the Stevens alumni at the Hotel Astor Dr. Davis explained the new system which he will inaugurate and through which he hopes to see the time come when all American colleges will inject some of the common sense of the business world into the tuition problem.

"Dr. Davis's plan is for a sliding scale tuition, by which exceptional students, or students who make the most of their opportunities in college may get a refund on their tuition at the end of the year.

"Dr. Davis explained that the tuition fee at Stevens had recently been set at $480 for next year's freshmen, an increase of 20 per cent. over the previous rate. The new scheme, he said, will be tried out by permitting every freshman to choose between it and the flat-rate tuition.

Basis of New Plan

"The new plan calls for a basis tuition rate of $600 a year, this sum to include all extra fees. The best all-around students, varying, according to their year, their work and the way in which they accept college life generally, will receive remissions. It is proposed to pay or remit to the various classmen on the basis of their scholastic standing and their extra-curricular activities as follows: Six men in each class may get back $300 a year, and a like number $250, $200, $150, $100 and $50, respectively. In addition, the following extra remissions can be earned: One sophomore, two juniors and three seniors may each get $600 a year, and a like number in each class, $500 and $400 each. Nine groups of students, 162 in all, will win

special participation in university funds, because of merit in scholarship, Dr. Davis said.

"Of the basic tuition rate of $600, nearly $300 a year will be provided from the income on the college's endowment funds for each and every student.

How It Will Work Out

"Dr. Davis gave the following illustration of the application of his plan:

"The highest grade man enters college in September and pays $300, as all are required to do before their first semester. In the middle of the year he gets a $300 remission which clears up his tuition for that year. In the sophomore year, if he is up at the top of his class he gets the $600 remission and pays nothing. In the junior year there are two chances to win complete remission, and in the senior year three. So that the top all-round man in his class may work his way through college by working at his college work and by the end of his course, may have earned a $2,400 education for $300, in addition to being something and somebody around the college while there, he said.

"The student and the college benefactor pay for what they get and get what they pay for, Dr. Davis said, in summarizing his plan. The sliding scale of tuition means justice to student and benefactor. It makes for a well rounded man."

The Beginnings of Interfraternity Cooperation*

The following pages contain information with which every fraternity member should be familiar. It is taken from a booklet entitled: "The Interfraternity Conference: What it is and what it Does", published by the Twentieth Interfraternity Conference.—Editor.

An early effort to coördinate the activities of the men's fraternities was taken at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 22nd, 1883. Willis O. Robb called a meeting to order at the Colonnade Hotel in which twenty-two delegates from fourteen fraternities participated. In addition, twenty-one other members from eight of the fraternities represented were in attendance. A regular organization was effected with Rev. O. A. Glazebrook as chairman under the name of the Panhellenic Conference. A plan of permanent organization was adopted conditioned upon ten or more fraternities signifying their acceptance thereof by January 1st, 1884. A tentative program for a meeting to be held in New York City, July 4th, 1884 was then adopted. Among the topics discussed were:

Membership in Chapters: Preparatory students, Duality of membership, Pledge lifting, Consequences of expulsion.

Chapters: Sub-rosa, Lifting.

Relations of Fraternities and Colleges: The best means of securing the recognition and cooperation of college authorities. The prevention of fraternity combinations in college politics.

Fraternity Statistics and Publications: Their limits as to secrecy, Methods of collecting statistics for catalogues, Methods of conducting fraternity journals.

Ten fraternities did not signify their intention to participate in another meeting and no further meeting was held. Quite a little ill feeling was engendered among some of the fraternities by the actions of some who attended the Philadelphia conference and it is thought that that had much to do with the failure of the plan. Evidently the time was not yet ripe for an interfraternity movement.

Another effort to get the men's fraternities together was made in July, 1893, at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. A meeting called by the officers of the exposition met in the Liberal Arts Building and was attended by thirty-six men and women. Two of these were accredited delegates from the University of Upsala,

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and one from the University of Copenhagen. Among the others present were editors of fraternity journals, their wives, a few school teachers, and an officer or two from the exposition. The manner of calling this meeting was the probable cause of its failure to lead to anything more permanent. The audience listened to a few papers and adjourned with mutual felicitations.

At a meeting of the Religious Education Association held in Chicago in 1909 discussion turned upon the question of fraternity life in the colleges and the possibility and desirability of securing closer cooperation. There were in attendance churchmen, leading educators, and others who had to do with the administrative work of the colleges connected or associated with the churches and religious organizations. It was finally decided to ask the fraternity men to meet and discuss their problems on neutral ground, and Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University, was authorized to send out the call in the name of the Association. Early in the fall the various fraternities were invited to the conference and on Saturday November 27, 1909, Dr. Fraunce called the meeting to order in the University Club in New York. No better atmosphere could have been selected, and the response of the fraternities was gratifying indeed. Annually since then, this organization has assembled in pursuance of the plan of administration adopted and perpetuated.

Its early meetings were tentative in character. The men interested were cautiously feeling their way and progressing slowly toward closer cooperation. They were assuring themselves that the old time suspicions and jealousies had disappeared. When this point was reached and passed progress became substantial, real, and far reaching.

The Interfraternity Conference

1. What is the Interfraternity Conference?

It is an association of about 65 men's general national college fraternities whose representatives meet for the discussion of fraternity problems. These representatives are all alumni and are either members of the governing bodies of the fraternities or other alumni who have a special knowledge of fraternity and college affairs.

2. When and where does it meet?

Always in New York City on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day. For some years it met at the University Club on the Saturday. At present, having outgrown those limitations of

time and space, it meets at the Hotel Pennsylvania on both Friday and Saturday. Between conferences its affairs are conducted by officers and an executive committee who follow up and apply the results of the full conference, continue its studies and activities, and plan and prepare for the next conference.

3. What is its organization?

It has a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, who are elected each year by the Conference; also six other members elected by the Conference in two classes for two year terms so arranged that one class is elected each year. These constitute the executive committee which meets monthly. In addition, the Conference elects annually an educational adviser, who has been from the creation of the office Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of men, University of Illinois. In addition, all past chairmen form an advisory committee. They are constantly present at meetings of the executive committee and participate in the proceedings, except that they have no vote. The chairmen of various committees do the same. Men from New York and vicinity preponderate among the officers and upon the executive committee solely because of the requirements of actual attendance at monthly meetings. This form of organization makes for continuity of policy and effort.

At the annual session delegates from the member fraternities are present and participate in the discussions and votes. Of late years we have also been favored with the attendance of many college officers who come either at the invitation of the Conference or as delegates from their own fraternities.

The first session (1909) was attended by 26 fraternities and about 58 delegates; the tenth (1918) by 38 fraternities and about 175 delegates; and the nineteenth (1927) by 57 fraternities and about 225 delegates, of all classes, fraternity and collegiate, with undergraduate representatives of 41 local interfraternity councils also present.

4. What is required for membership in the Conference?

A member must be a men's general college fraternity, as opposed to a local organization, or to a professional fraternity. For full membership a fraternity must have been established fifteen years and have at least ten chapters, or else have become a junior member and been advanced to full membership by the executive committee. Junior members may be admitted although lacking some of those

qualifications, as provided in the by-laws below. The purpose of these limitations is to restrict the Conference to a consideration of problems which are common to the general run of college fraternities, and not be led off into too specialized matters.

5. What fraternities does it exclude?

We have never excluded any that wished to belong and offered the appropriate qualifications. We do not believe in excluding any fraternity whose problems are similar to the rest and which can profit by membership. On the contrary, we believe that all fraternities with the same problems, regardless of race or religion, can contribute something to the Conference and can receive; and that any division upon racial, religious or social lines would be undemocratic, and disloyal both to the purpose of the Conference and to the spirit of learning and morality it wishes to foster.

6. What sort of legislation does it adopt?

None. The functions of the Interfraternity Conference are purely advisory. It studies, considers, discusses and recommends. It is not a superfraternity. Its members may take or leave its recommendations—and do. It tries to be helpful and persuasive, but goes no further, and cannot under its constitution.

7. What has the Interfraternity Conference done?

First and foremost it has brought the alumni of the fraternities to a realization that they have common ideals and are engaged in a common enterprise for the benefit of college student life; that former jealousies have no useful or proper place in the Greek letter world; and that the American college fraternity has grown to be a far larger and more important educational institution than it used to be, and deserves a united support from all its members, whatever their particular fraternities.

Secondly, and hardly less important, it has demonstrated to the colleges that the fraternity system has been growing up with the colleges, and now presents to the colleges an educational adjunct making for improved scholarship and morale if the colleges will but use it, besides providing for the colleges student homes which, in large measure, they were themselves unable to provide.

Besides these general services, the Interfraternity Conference has studied and discussed the following topics, among others, with results here briefly indicated.

(1) Pledge lifting, the lifting of members, and of chapters by the fraternities among themselves, have been wellnigh eliminated, and are now recognized as dishonorable practices unworthy of fraternity men.

(2) Chapter organization has been studied, the delegates have exchanged views and experience, and improvement in chapter stability and morale has resulted.

(3) Weak or demoralized chapters have been strengthened or reorganized by interfraternity advice and support, and the mortality in the chapter roll has been materially reduced.

(4) Alumni and educational adviser systems for chapters have been advocated until they are now a generally recognized part of fraternity organization, with resulting improvement in scholarship, increase in alumni interest and higher standards of responsibility to college, fraternity and chapter.

(5) Business training and financial integrity within the chapters have been encouraged, and systems of chapter finance, budgets, and accounting generally introduced.

(6) Cooperative buying and management have been studied and encouraged.

(7) A study of food values for chapter commissaries was made and distributed, with illustrative menus, to the member fraternities.

(8) House conditions have been vastly improved, particularly through the stimulus of higher standards advocated by the Conference and demanded by the fraternity visitation officers.

(9) Morals and social hygiene have been studied, and recommendations made by the Conference have led to improvement both in conditions and in the attitude of students not only among the fraternities but in the whole student group.

(10) The percentage of fraternity men graduating has been raised.

(11) Extravagance of all kinds has been discouraged—in fraternity jewelry, dress, social events, and chapter house building.

(12) Chapter participation in college politics has been studied and criticism and recommendations made.

(13) The problems of pledging and initiation have been studied and valuable recommendations made. These matters present stubborn problems as yet unsolved, even in theory, because of their complexity and the variety of conditions and traditions in different institutions.

(14) Fraternities have been encouraged to establish new chapters and local clubs have been aided in obtaining charters. A new college fraternity of over 40 chapters was founded through the Conference.

(15) Organizations antagonistic to, or subversive of, fraternity ideals have been persistently combatted until their influence has been minimized or they have completely changed their character.

(16) Local interfraternity councils where none had previously been organized have been fostered, and the plane of their activities has been raised.

(17) Special studies have been made of the relations of the alumnus to his undergraduate brothers; scholarship in chapters; the possibility of more uniform grading of scholarship in the colleges; the publication of comparative scholarship statistics; exposure and correction of abuse in the manufacture and distribution of fraternity insignia and jewelry; financing of fraternity projects; and student health maintenance.

(18) Public opinion has been educated by true and judicious statement of fact respecting the inherent value and advantages of the fraternity system, and the exaggeration and false coloring of many of the newspaper reflections upon fraternity men and activities.

The report of the Committee on Fraternity Ideals in 1924 demonstrated by statistical evidence (a) that the fraternity of today is a national educational asset in its encouragement of high scholarship; (b) that it promotes democracy and fair play by healthful participation in, and promotion of, campus activities; (c) that it fosters college loyalty of the best type; (d) that fraternity organic law or ritual universally refers to the Deity; (e) that the fraternity discourages gambling and the use of liquor, places a premium upon friendship and brotherhood, emphasizes the virtue of honesty and integrity, and urges the practice of charity; (f) that it is intensely patriotic, promotes concord among groups with different religious, racial, and political backgrounds, teaches the duty and privilege of service to mankind, denounces snobbery and the fetish of caste on the basis of wealth or family, and fosters participation in social service and philanthropic work.

(19) A special law committee has conducted studies in the problems of fraternity taxation.

(20) A special scholarship committee renders valuable service not only to the fraternities but also to college and university administrators, by compiling scholarship statistics in the several institutions of learning whereby the scholarship standing of fraternity men may be critically compared, by publishing these statistics in carefully prepared charts for distribution to appropriate persons, and by stimulating scholarship throughout the whole fraternity world. The result

has been to improve scholarship everywhere, and to make a high standard of scholarship a real goal of good fraternity men.

(21) Another special committee on chapter house architecture is preparing a book on this subject. Preliminary chapters of value have been published.

(22) The Conference has encouraged the organization of fraternity magazine editors and managers, with the result that that group is improving the conduct and character of the fraternity press.

(23) Similarly it has organized the traveling and executive secretaries.

(24) And last, but not least, it has published COLLEGE FRATERNITIES, a valuable and compact story of the American Fraternity System.

8. How is the Interfraternity Conference financed?

By dues of $50 a year from the full members, and of $25 a year from junior members. In addition, members pay for the year book at cost, according to the number of copies taken, and also make a nominal payment for the scholarship service. All officers and members of committees serve gratuitously.

9. What next?

The Conference should continue as it has begun, carrying forward its studies, bringing the experience of one fraternity to another, and seeking in all ways to make itself useful to the fraternity undergraduate and to the colleges, within its legitimate sphere. This effort means, first, self-education on the part of the men directing the Conference and the fraternities, and then the application of these ideas, through persuasion, to chapter life and the individual fraternity man in college. The Conference has never lacked problems to discuss, nor ideas running ahead of performance.

What the future of the American college fraternities is to be no one knows. They have already grown from small, feeble, poorly organized social groups of undergraduates, into strong, numerous, highly organized wealthy societies, with large bodies of interested alumni as well as self-governing groups of students in their own college homes. We may be sure that new problems will be discovered or created in the future, as in the past, and that performance will always lag behind projects. So long as Fraternity remains an ideal in student life, so long some institution must exist to promote an approach of practice toward the ideal.

The Spirit of Interfraternity Cooperation*

This Interfraternity Conference was created out of the great atmosphere of religion. There was a meeting of the Religious Education Association in Chicago. One of the questions considered by it was the moral life of the students in college dormitories. When those gentlemen came to consider that subject, they discovered that the proposition could not be thoroughly handled, could not be handled at all to advantage, without taking into consideration those college dormitories which are designated as chapter houses.

Then a question came, feeble and trembling: Would it be possible to get the cooperation of college fraternity men in the study of the moral life of the campus? The first quick answer was, "No; there is no body which can be appealed to; there is no unity of action among the fraternities; there is nothing but hostility and bitterness among the leaders."

Such an answer was entirely unsatisfactory to leaders of the Association. Most of them were college graduates. A number of them were members of fraternities. They knew the real spirit of college students. They believed in the college fraternity and some of them, then and there, caught a vision.

And so educators, widely known and highly respected, with President Faunce of Brown University at their head, sent out a call to the leaders of American college fraternities to come together in the first national Interfraternity Conference. Although there had been previous attempts to bring about a solidarity of feeling and unity of action, this was the first effort which seemed to have a chance to accomplish something definite.

There are a few in this room today who recall that Pentecostal scene in the first meeting at the University Club. We met in the morning—the wolfish antecedents of the past everywhere apparent—delegates from the fraternities sitting in groups, each by the side of his friend, each thinking, "What's the game here? What are they trying to put over on us? Somebody trying to find out some of our secrets? What is this thing for anyway?" That is what we faced, each of us, throughout that morning, getting nowhere. Attitude and atmosphere were both against accomplishment. Then we went out and had lunch. And a curious thing happened. When

*From the address of Francis W. Shepardson at the 17th Interfraternity Conference, 1925. Dr. Shepardson is without doubt the foremost fraternity man. He has been Chairman of the Interfraternity Conference, Commissioner of Education of Illinois, National President of Acacia and of Beta Theta Pi, and is now Associate Editor of BANTA'S GREEK EXCHANGE.

we reassembled in the Council room that afternoon, every man felt as though some new spirit had descended upon us; we went forward; and we accomplished wonders in the space of two short hours. We left that room at evening, every man determined that from that day this great powerful American college fraternity movement should be guilded so as to accomplish things—to utilize to the full the possibilities which it had in its grasp.

You know what has happened. We sat here yesterday with the pride which come to every one when he can say, "Quorum pars fui." We drank in the chairman's address in which he presented to us that list of achievements of the Interfraternity Conference, so numerous, so great, that there is not a person in this room who has any adequate comprehension of them. Yet every man who wears a college fraternity badge knows in his heart that out of these meetings in New York during seventeen years have gone influences of such tremendous and far reaching consequence to his fraternity and to other fraternities that no one has the power of words to describe them.

Attitude and atmosphere have changed. There has grown affection. I would not for anything give up the friendships I have formed with leaders of other college fraternities whom I might never have known had it not been for the annual pilgrimage to this place of meeting, where I clasp their hands, look into their faces, hear their friendly words, listen to their administrative experiences, and feel that their purpose as fraternity workers and mine are exactly the same.

The other day one of my close friends told me an incident. He mentioned the name of a man who has been a devoted fraternity worker for half a century, and whom we both greatly admired. This man, he told me, had said to him something like this: "I used to feel sincerely that there was something about my fraternity which made it better than any other. I believed that the tie which bound the members of my fraternity together was a stronger and more lasting one than the tie uniting the members of any other fraternity. I have been working now for seventeen years with the leaders of other fraternities with no lessening of my regard for and appreciation of my own fraternity. But I have changed my view entirely regarding relative values. They are all working for the same thing. Every one of them has the same ideals, the same aspirations, the same longings for his fraternity that you and I have for ours. Every man is feeling his way out toward the same thing that you and I are seeking."

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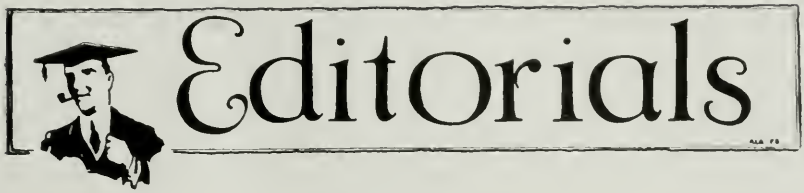
James E. Stevens, Arch Master 1924-1928



An Appreciation

Under the revision of the Arch Council membership effected by the recent Arch Convocation, four members of that body who have served the fraternity faithfully for an aggregate of sixteen years retired from active national fraternity work.

James E. Stevens and Arthur J. Weston, past Arch Master and past Arch Ritualist respectively, have each served on the Arch Council for five years since the inception of the fraternity as a national organization. Stevens was Arch Scribe for one year and subsequently held for four years the highest office which the fraternity can bestow. His was the task, and he performed it with rare skill, tact, and judgment, of leading Theta Upsilon Omega through the trials of the early years of adjustment, binding the ten original chapters into one unit of brotherhood.

A. J. Weston as Arch Ritualist has been the fraternity's great spiritual guide. His counsel has stimulated every meeting which he has attended and won the sincere affection of all with whom he has come in contact. All rituals now in use are his work.

Leonard H. Braun, retiring Arch Visitor, ably supervised chapter inspection and visitation for three years. Haydn S. Pearson, serving a year as Junior Councilor and two years as Arch Chaplain, had charge of the promotion and encouragement of scholarship.

These retiring officers have worked individually and in Arch Council deliberations with untiring zeal to evolve the progressive legislation which has marked the early years of this fraternity. We owe them a debt of gratitude which it is beyond our power to express.

A Happy Choice

The fraternity is to be congratulated upon getting so able a man as J. N. Danehower as its first Executive Secretary. This is the most important position in the national council and it is filled by a man who knows more about Theta Upsilon Omega than any other member.

As Arch Recorder, Brother Danehower has made an enviable record. He devoted all of his vacation time and most of his other spare time to fraternity work. He was always ready to respond to a fraternity call on a moment's notice. This was most recently evidenced when he entrained for Pittsburgh on a few hours' notice to represent the fraternity at the rites for the late Hugh Nevin.

In 1928, Danehower visited every chapter, except Gamma Beta, inspected its financial condition and installed the books of the new uniform system of accounting. He visited a number of the chapters on other occasions for their regular inspection. He has worked untiringly to assist Delta Beta in financing a new house, and as we go to press final negotiations for this transaction are about to be consummated.

Danehower has had the great educational experience of representing the fraternity at the annual Interfraternity Conference and has thus had an opportunity to study the broader problems of the fraternity field.

A quality which Brother Danehower possesses in great measure, that of being a good mixer, is another factor in his exceptional suitability for the position to which he has been elected. His approachability and through understanding of chapter house problems make his chapter inspections of particular value, both to the national organization and to the officers and members of the chapters themselves.

In Memoriam

Howard Britton

Howard Britton, A A, '29, whose home was in Butler, Pennsylvania, succumbed to bronchial pneumonia in Philadelphia on December 18 after a short illness.

Brother Britton was a senior in the School of Optometry of the University of Pennsylvania. He had been a student at Westminster in 1925-26 and was well known in New Wilmington.

William G. Vance

William G. Vance, A A, '28, died of pneumonia at his home north of New Wilmington on Wednesday, January 2. His death was very sudden, and his friends, returning to school Wednesday, were shocked by the news. He contracted what seemed to be a slight cold on the Thursday previous, and no alarm was felt until the following Sunday, when his condition pointed to a particularly virulent influenza.

A graduate of New Wilmington high school, he matriculated at Westminster in 1923, and was pledged to Pi Rho Phi. He became a charter member of Theta Upsilon Omega when the local fraternity entered the national body in 1924. During his freshman and sophomore years, he was particularly active in intra-mural and inter-class athletics.

For two years before his death he had been variously employed in New Castle, Sharon, and at his father's farm. He was well-known about the campus and town, and his acquaintance in the county was wide.

He is survived by his parents and his brother, John also a member of Lamba Alpha who was graduated from Westminster in 1927 and is at present a coach at the Girard, Ohio, high school.

Fraternal and Collegiate

Cyrus H. K. Curtis, millionaire Philadelphia newspaper and magazine publisher, presented a "Christmas present" of $500,000 to Temple University.

The sum donated represents the largest individual sum ever given Temple, thus giving Mr. Curtis the title of largest single contributor to this institution for the third time. In 1921, Mr. Curtis presented $25,000 toward the erection of Conwell Hall, while in 1926 Mr. Curtis gave $100,000 in the Russell H. Conwell Fund campaign, heading the list of subscribers in both these drives. His donations to Temple form an aggregate of $625,000.

Mr. Curtis' gift, according to President Beury, will be used to start the erection of the third or skyscraper unit of the Temple building project at Broad street and Montgomery avenue, as soon as plans are drawn. The third unit, to adjoin the twenty-story building now nearing completion next to Conwell Hall, will be twenty-three stories high, and will be outstanding among North Philadelphia edifices. Mr. Curtis' gift also makes possible the starting of work on the new Medical School building.

Illness will soon be a pleasure at the University of California, where construction has started on a five-story infirmary. The building, of Italian design, will be situated on a hill facing the University campus and looking out toward the bay. The patients will enjoy all the comforts of a hotel. Each room has its adjoining bath, with a tiled shower and private dressing room. Each bed is provided with an adjustable reading lamp and radio earphones. Wiring has been arranged so that any new invention, such as a practical form of television, may be installed. Accommodations will be provided for one hundred patients, with provisions in the plans for additions as the need arises.

Westminister College is to invade the East next fall, when her football team meets Fordham University in a game in New York City September 28.

The Interfraternity Council at the University of California presented to the fraternities a plan for supervision of fraternity house finances which was rejected after considerable debate. The plan called for the presentation of a confidential monthly financial report to the Council Executive Committee, which would assist houses in a state of indebtedness. The belief that credit of fraternities in general is being jeopardized by a few houses which do not pay their bills was the guiding factor in the formation of the plan. The opponents answered that house finance was absolutely personal, and that the Council committee could not give sufficient help to justify the invasion of private matters.

The City Council of Berkeley, Calif., has, in effect, imposed a tax on fraternities under the name of an "inspection fee."

Students in a certain dormitory at Lafayette College enjoyed unlimited free telephone service during a recent week-end. When the telephone in their booth was installed, the slot leading to the coin return box was left open.

The frosh utilized this opportunity to call their friends and parents free of charge. Among the towns called were Lewisburg, Wilkes-Barre, and Pittsburgh. Out-of-state calls included New York City, Charleston, S. C., Dover, N. J., and Los Angeles, Cal.—*The Bucknellian.*

At New Hampshire the other day, a professor told his class on The American Novel that a copy of the first edition of Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," which the class was studying, was on exhibition in the University Library. Having nothing else to do, one afternoon a certain student of the class, a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, decided to go and take a look at the historic object. To his great surprise, it looked vaguely familiar. Upon closer observation, he found that the book he had been using for class and study purposes was an exact duplicate of the volume preserved with care in the glass case. He had resurrected the apparently worthless old book from a trunk in the attic in order to prune down his expenditures for books. The value of the volume is estimated at $200.

Iota Alpha Member Makes Glee Club Tour

Publication in the December number of the OMEGAN of the account by Fred A. Morrison of Beta Beta of his trip to Europe last summer with the Miami University Glee Club, brought out the fact that another T. U. O., Edward B. Hawkins, '29, of Iota Alpha, also glee-clubbed through Europe.

The Penn State Glee Club, of which Brother Hawkins is a member, sailed from New York on July 28, 1928, on the *New Amsterdam*. They gave two concerts on board, one in the student section of the boat, and the other, at the special invitation of the captain, to the passengers in the first class cabin. In England, they visited Plymouth, the cathedral towns, Tintagel, where they gave a concert and visted the ruins of King Arthur's castle, and, of course, London, the Shakespeare country and the scenes of Scott's novels.

After leaving London, Paris, Versailles and the battlefields, Brussels, Antwerp, The Hague, and Amsterdam claimed their attention, and they sailed from Rotterdam September 4 on the *Volendam*. On board the *Volendam* was also the Yale Glee Club returning from a trip abroad, and the two clubs gave a combined concert which was greatly enjoyed by all the passengers.

While practically everyone was broke on reaching New York, it was reported that one boy who started with seventy dollars returned with enough to pay his entrance fees into college, while another, who began with seventy-five dollars, bought an English suit, a pair of shoes, and had a balance of seventeen dollars when he returned. Neither of these wizards of finance could be induced to divulge their methods.

Athletic News

Varsity Basketball

Basketball games are of special interest to the members of Gamma Alpha Chapter because two T. U. O.'s are on the team. The two are brothers, Arthur and Henry Meinhold. Art is the captain of the team and high scoring forward for some years. Henry is a freshman, plays forward too, and he scores easily. He shows much of his brother's speed and will certainly be heard from in the years to come.

The basketball team has to date had a very successful season. The advance artists are sure that the remaining games will be won, too. Nine games have been played, eight of which have been won. The opening game was with Cathedral College and was won by 38 to 16; Art Meinhold scored 16 points. Brooklyn Poly was defeated and then came the only lost game—with N. Y. U., score 13 to 26. Union and Newark Tech were next taken over, and then Rensselaer. The score was 36 to 28, the Meinhold brothers scoring 13 points each. The last three games won were played in New England. At the Naval Training Station a team of Annapolis graduates were beaten. Then the U. S. Coast Guard Academy and Massachusetts Agricultural College finished the trip.

So far, Art Meinhold is high scorer with 81 points. Henry Meinhold, who did not play in the first three games, is third with 47 points. After he got on the collegiate basketball he developed an accuracy from back of the foul line that made him a perfect mate to his brother at forward. They take turns, Art using a low diving dibble to the basket and his brother, "Wimp," using a medium length shot. They're a great pair, these Meinholds.

Ford E. Young, H A '30, Eta Alpha's marshal, is on the varsity basketball squad at George Washington.

"Ted" Mitchell, Z A '29, who made such outstanding football history for Bucknell, and who was selected as center for the All Eastern team, has again come to the front in sports. He is now engaged in scoring points for the basketball team. "Mitch" recently

whipped himself into excellent condition. In the game with Colgate he dropped the basket that won the contest for Bucknell.

Four pledges of Iota Alpha are on the Penn State freshman basketball squad.

With the coming of basketball Kappa Alpha finds herself lacking in men on the varsity squad but rich in managers. L. C. Wadsworth, '29, is varsity manager. He has scheduled what promises to be 20 of the best games of college basketball in the South. Other managers from the chapter are: V. A. Milton, '30, Junior Manager, J. G. Berry, '21, Sophomore Manager, and J. E. Ruff and H. D. Edgerton, '32, Freshman Managers.

Pledge W. R. Milton, '32, is holding down the center position on the Freshman basketball team.

Intramural Basketball

Zeta Alpha is sorry to have lost Mitchell to fraternity basketball, but with the return of Ramon De Filippo, '30, it is confident of winning the interfraternity cup. "Flip" was out last semester coaching basketball for a team in Elmira, N. Y., his home town, but this semester he returned and was pledged with Bernard W. Brown, '31, who has been working as a chemist in Franklin, Pa.

In the Interfraternity relay and basketball series Beta Alpha placed third, bringing her into second place for the all-round trophy.

Bowling

Eta Alpha lost out by only one point in her final game of the Interfraternity basketball series, being defeated by Phi Sigma Kappa. However, the chapter is pointing for the bowling tournament, and should win the cup, which was lost by only a few pins last year. Prominent among the bowlers are: Clyde Reeves, captain; Gilbert Downer, Floyd Pomeroy, Jim Suters, and Alan Dryer.

The same group of bowlers that last year won for Iota Alpha the interfraternity bowling cup is again this year presenting strong competition. The house basketball team composed almost entirely of the crack freshmen who are also on the college yearling squad, has romped through the first two games of the interfraternity schedule.

Soccer

Six members of Zeta Alpha chapter were chosen for the "All Fraternity" soccer team this year.

When the athletic awards were made at Worcester this Fall Brothers Johnson (Mgr.), Robinson and Barnes received their aWf in Soccer with Harold Hart elected to the manager's position for next year.

Temple University was represented at the Intercollegiate Soccer Association meeting, held at the Harvard Club in New York City, Saturday afternoon, January 12, by Adolph Friz, E A '29, manager of soccer during the 1928 season.

The soccer schedule for 1929 was arranged and the All-American Soccer team selected. Besides being manager of soccer, Friz is also manager of the track team and a member of the Blue Key Honor Society.

Boxing

Boxing is a new sport on Bucknell's campus, but already is very popular. T. U. O. has a worthy representative on the boxing team in the person of "Mickey" Boerner, a pledge of '32. Brother Norman Egel showed true valor in his fight with Bucknell's heavyweight.

W. R. Weaver, Jr., K A '29 and D. P. Anderson, Jr., K A '30, have chosen to take their exercise in the arena.

Hockey

A. Russell Barnes, B A '30, and Pledge Howard W. Bancroft, B A '32, have been leaders in the formation of a hockey team at Worcester Tech. This team, under the name of the Worcester Collegians, has been playing in one of the industrial leagues of the city. Because of his quickness and general ability Barnes has been high scorer for his team.

Wrestling

George Herriott, K A '29, has donned his tights again to resume his old position on the varsity wrestling squad.

Pledge W. W. Scales, K A '32, is a strong candidate for a place on the freshman wrestling squad.

Football

Wally Carlson, B A '30, has earned his second W in football.

Merle Jenefer Wilcox, E A '30, was elected Manager of the Freshman Football Team.

Steele McGrew, H A '33, and William Blain, H A '31 were awarded the G W in football.

Campus Honors

Harry Boyce, Λ A '31, and Kenneth Dyer, Λ A '30, have been admitted into Tau Kappa Alpha, honorary forensic fraternity. Fred William, Λ A '31, has qualified for membership in the varsity debate team.

R. S. Buchanan, Δ A '30, has been initiated into Pi Tau Pi Sigma, Professional Military Fraternity. He is a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the University Brigade, R. O. T. C.

L. K. Oesterling, Δ A '29, has received his commission in the Engineer Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army.

K. W. Mosher, Δ A '29, has been initiated into Scabbard and Blade, National Military Fraternity.

Sherman E. Johnson, H A '29, has been elected Secretary of Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity.

Edward F. Cross, Γ A '29 and Robert C. Medl, Jr., Γ A '29 were elected into Tau Beta Pi, National honorary engineering fraternity.

E. Waldemar Carlson, B A '30, and Harry A. Sorensen, B A '30 were honored at the December assembly by being pledged to Tau Beta Pi.

E. R. Hawkins, '29, Master of Iota Alpha, has been recently honored by an election to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. His election to the Honorary Social Science Fraternity of Pi Gamma Mu has also just been announced.

W. H. Rushworth, I A '31, has been elected to the Penn State Thespian Club, which is the college song-and-dance show organization.

M. O. Shure, I A '29, has received dual honors by his election to Sigma Tau, national honorary engineering fraternity, and Chi Epsilon, national honorary civil engineering fraternity.

Robert P. Stevenson, I A '30, junior news editor of the college newspaper, has been elected to Pi Delta Epsilon and Phi Mu Sigma, journalistic fraternities.

C. A. Schmidt, I A '31, has been honored by an appointment to the freshman handbook staff.

E. R. Noderer, I A '30, has been elected to Delta Sigma Pi, commerce and finance professional, and to the staff of the Penn State "Froth."

Personal Mention

G. W. Smith, B A '31, plays the violin with the Boyntonians, Tech's orchestra. Pledges Belmont and Rydman help along the band and W. I. Johnson, Libbey, Schiller, Warner and Pledge Rydman blend their voices in the Glee Club.

Harry Webb Clayton, H A '32, has been working for the American Red Cross.

Bill Blain, H A '31, left school at the end of January and returned to his home in Mercer, Pa. He will probably attend Bucknell or Penn State next year.

Firth Marquis, '29, has been named member of the Song Committee for Eta Alpha chapter.

Charles Pearce, E A '30, was appointed General Chairman of the Student Council Annual Dance Committee.

William A. Schrag, E A '29, for three and a half years Circulation Manager of the Temple University News, has resigned his position. Brother Schrag has his time occupied with Senior Class activities.

Charles H. Herrold, Jr., E A '31, is conducting a Philadelphia News Service for the Millersburg Sentinel.

Thomas F. Marshall, E A '30, has been elected Feature Editor of the Temple University News and Chairman of the Managing Board of the Owl, Temple's humorous publication.

David H. Buchanan, E A '30, the "Reds" of the article in the December Omegan has been made "Goat Master" of the spring pledge chapter—a position which he cherishes and executes cheerfully.

At Iota Alpha, E. D. Saunders, '29, has been elected to succeed R. E. Myers, '29, as Chapter Chaplain. He is also, by virtue of his office, chairman of the scholarship committee; a compulsory study hall system has been inaugarated with no little success.

Around T. U. O. Hearthstones

In a recent survey at Muhlenburg College of the scholastic records of the last year an interesting fact has presented itself. The averages of the fraternity men on the campus show a slight superiority over those of the non-fraternity men. This is especially significant since Muhlenberg has practically an even division between the groups. Delta Beta chapter ranks second among the fraternities with an average grade of 74.0%, taking as a standard 'A' as equal to 90.

Phi Kappa Tau	74.5%
Theta Upsilon Omega	74.0%
Alpha Tau Omega	73.9%
Phi Epsilon	73.6%
Sigma Lambda Pi	73.0%
Delta Theta	72.4%
Philos	72.3%
Fraternity Group	72.9%
Non-fraternity Group	72.0%

Notable smokers of Lambda Alpha have been the freshman smoker and the basketball smoker. In the freshman smoker, Marshall Fisher, '31, in his inimitable manner, indulged in Robert W. Service melodramatics. The Do Do Boys offered their entire repertoire. Karl Elers, '30, light heavyweight champion of the Fort Monroe C. M. T. C., and Charles Ayers, '29, three-letter bruiser, clashed heavily. Charles Campbell, '31, guitar, and the versatile Fisher, harmonica, perspired in their attempts to achieve harmony. In the basketball smoker, the Do Do Boys, Fisher, and Campbell, sure of their public, became noisy. Pug Elers unfortunately had been stifled by the academic atmosphere, and had fled to the forests of Canada, and there was no fight.

The new house for which Delta Alpha Chapter has waited so long is finally nearing completion, and the chapter is expecting to move into it by the middle of the semester. Tentative dates for the informal dance, and formal dinner dance, which will be in the nature of a grand "housewarming" are April 12 and 13 respectively.

With Harold Glenn, '31, as chairman, Lambda Alpha entertained the mothers of its members with the annual Mothers' Day banquet, February 22.

On March 29, under the direction of William Balph, '29, and Harold Glenn, '31, in the Castleton Hotel, New Castle, Lambda Alpha Chapter will hold its annual dinner dance.

On his good will trip to the Eastern chapters, Arch Master Samuel W. McGinness so arranged his itinerary to be with Epsilon Alpha Chapter on Sunday, February 17. The boys did all in their power to make him welcome and enjoyed his interesting talk.

On February 2, the Epsilon Alpha Chapter House was a colorful scene when the Twenty-one Club presented its annual entertainment to the Chapter. Peppy and exciting music, spirited dancing, and refreshments were the regular offering, while the Personality Boys, in the persons of Brother Ford and Pledge Brother Marshall, brought forth laughter and applause with their renditions of the latest popular song hits. Members of the Club this year are: Brothers Barto, Cobb, Dickey, DeHaven, Friz, McGonigle, Morrison, Ott, Owens, Schollenberger, Shelly, Stallard, Tripp, and Warfel.

Plans for the Annual Dinner Dance of Epsilon Alpha are well under way with Thomas Zeno Minehart as executive of the Committee. March 22 has been selected as the date and the Cedarbrook Country Club as the scene. Assisting Chairman Minehart are Brothers Herron, McGonigle, Wilcox and Zehner.

ALUMNI NOTES

Beta Alpha

Edward O. Strong, '10, is with a building construction firm in New York City and lives at 21 May St., Newark, N. J.

Lyman C. Lovell, '21, has been sick at his home in South Hadley, Mass, but expects to return to work soon.

Adelbert A. Knight, '24, visited the house during mid-year and donated a copy of the 1922 Aftermath. He is still working as a civil engineer in Dedham, Mass.

Leonard F. Sanborn, '25, sent an interesting letter to the house recently. He has just finished a job at Lake Wales, Florida. As his company is not taking any more contracts in that part of the country his future address is uncertain.

Harold A. Baines, '26, whose engagement is announced elsewhere, has been a frequent visitor on week ends.

Frank T. Johnson, '26, and Lyle S. Marston, '26, journeyed down from Manchester, N. H. in Swede's Ford and attended one of Tech's basketball games.

Delta Alpha

Charles Randolph is teaching in the Crane Technical High School, Chicago, Ill.

R. B. Webb, '27, is now located in Chicago, Ill. For the past year he has been in the advertising business in Chicago.

J. Rob't. Ball, '27, is with the Illinois Steel Co., Chicago, Ill.

Zeta Alpha

Robert Vastine, '28, has been pledged Phi Chi at Jefferson Medical School, where he is doing good work.

William D. Stayer, '28, has recently taken a position with the Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association in Oil City, Pa.

Herbert Slack, '28, is teaching school in Blairville, Pa.

Harry Bradley, '27, is working for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in New York City.

Eta Alpha

Horace W. Domigan, '27, has accepted a position with the National City Bank in New York City.

Robert H. N. Geisler, '28, is in Sunnyvale, Calif., preparing to practice law.

Russel John Jansen, M. D., '26, who is practicing in Washington, is also Clinical Instructor in Medicine at George Washington.

Max Thomas, '28, was in Washington for a visit during the Christmas holidays.

Robert Uhl, Eta Alpha and Beta Beta, is attending Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.

Carl E. Zibberman passed the District of Columbia bar examination successfully in December.

Iota Alpha

Calvin Schuman, '28, and Arthur F. Davis, '28, were back to visit the house and attend the Senior Ball on January 18.

George F. Fisher, '27, drops in to pay the chapter a visit now and then. He represents the engineering extension department of the College; most of his work is in the Allentown district.

Kappa Alpha

Rev. Leroy Steele, '25, was recently called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Murphy, N. C. For the past three years he has been a pastor at Rome, Georgia.

The wife of Alton B. Claytor, '26, has fully recuperated after an operation for appendicitis.

F. K. Fleagle will again be Dean of Summer School at Davidson in 1929.

Ernest Milton was a speaker at the Regional Conference of Alumni Secretaries, held at Richmond, Va.

Since the holidays visits have been received from the following: J. W. Reid, Jr., '28, Warren Smith, '27, R. S. Lowrance, Jr., '28, J. C. Hand, '27, J. M. Appleby, '26.

G. S. Brooks, '28, is principal of the Fountain Inn, S. C. high school.

W. F. Kopp, Jr., '30, is with the Reynolds Metal Co. at 5601 Waterman Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

W. H. Sharpe, '23, is holding a pastorate at Amite, La.

C. E. Edgar, '28, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at his home in Mobile, Ala.

J. C. Hand, '27, has advanced from the stock department to the order department of the Grinnell Co. Inc., of Charlotte, N. C.

Vital Statistics

Engagements

Beta Alpha—Harold A. Baines, '26, to Miss Sara Ann Lumb.

Arthur W. Haley, '26, to Miss Margaret Burns Reid.

Epsilon Alpha—A. Foster Williamson, '25, Chester, Pa., to Miss Henrietta Metzger, Ardmore, Pa.

Arthur F. Warfel, '29, Tower City, to Miss Esther M. Rhodes, '29, Bellwood, Pa.

J. Homer Smith, '28, Wissonoming, Philadelphia to Miss Marion Lechler, '30, Philadelphia.

Gordon A. Lawley, '28, Williamstown, Pa., to Miss Anna Dunn, Richmond, Philadelphia.

Gordon A. Lawley

Marriages

Zeta Alpha—Clyde G. Learne, '26, to Miss Rozella Warshaver, January 1, 1929, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Theta Alpha—Edward W. MacLaren, '28, to Miss Phyllis Arnold Batcheller of Sutton, Massachusetts, Friday, January 11, 1929.

Births

Beta Alpha—To Brother and Mrs. Minott M. Rowe, '24, a son Donald Earle, on January 20, 1929.

The Spirit of Interfraternity Cooperation

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It is true that the "big three," or the "big four," or the "big five," or the "big seven" have gone completely from the consciousness of fraternity workers. The youngest fraternity and the weakest have brought their offering of help to the strongest and the oldest, and it has been the joy of these meetings together that that fact has been recognized and appreciated and that, as real values are measured, that is, potential values, the "big three" is now the "big fifty-three." . . . .

Now, can we meet the rest of the challenge? Have we the ability as leaders of fraternities, as presidents, secretaries, visitation officers, district chiefs, or whatever the title—have we the strength of purpose, the vision of duty, and the administrative ability to put this thing across in the colleges so that on every campus the attitude and the atmosphere may be so changed that the boys in our local chapters will no longer have to spend their time on petty matters, relics of the wolfish age of the frothy fang, of the old days of misunderstanding, bitterness and hatred? That is the question that faces us. That is the problem, in my judgment, for the future of this powerful American college Interfraternity Conference.

We have done something. To give you a personal illustration: I was very bitter in my college days toward the only rival we then had. I graduated from college with this feeling unchanged. I came to the national Interfraternity Conference seventeen years ago still cherishing some resentment based on college experiences. But I have come to respect that great fraternity highly, as I have met its leaders and learned from them the ideals and aspirations which they strive diligently to inculcate in their undergraduate chapters.

A few years ago some of us discovered that six fraternities founded in the Ohio Valley were very much alike in origin, history, ambitions, Three of them are almost the same size, made out of exactly the same clay taken from the womb of the great Central West, nurtured at the breast of the same Alma Mater, faring forth along the same pathways toward the South and the West. With such a community of interest, in spite of old time rivalries, we have found that we can get the chapters of these fraternities to come together. As a result, all over the United States today it is a common thing to find the members of the Miami Triad, as it is called, no longer fiercely fighting and bitter, but meeting together, smoking together, dining together, dancing together, with no tie whatever

except that of common birth, with no purpose whatever except to promote a better spirit on the college campus. What three have done, a dozen, or twenty, or fifty-three can do. We have accomplished something in bringing these boys from the colleges to the Interfraternity Conference to meet the leaders of fraternity life, to study together their undergraduate problems, to look each other in the face.

There is just reason for pride in what the Interfraternity Conference has accomplished in seventeen years. But this is my challenge, my suggestion, my appeal: That every single one of us who goes to a college campus from now on, as president, as secretary, as visitor, as editor, in whatever capacity, shall carry with him the good news of the change of atmosphere and attitude of the leaders of American college fraternities, and seek to encourage that finer spirit which will make for a better college life, under which alone college fraternities can flourish best—a finer religious life, if I may use that term.

So shall the Interfraternity Conference return to the very starting point which we had back in the University Club seventeen years ago, when we met to hear the challenge of the leaders of college life: Can you fraternity men do something to elevate the spiritual life of our students, to make college days cleaner, to produce finer citizens, to lift up the morale of the world? . . . .

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